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Cynthia Brown Chief, Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re:

BNSF Railway Abandonment in Stearns County, MN; AB-6 (Sub-No. 472X)

Our File No. 21977.001

Dear Ms. Brown:

Our office represents the ROCORI Trail Construction Board ("RTCB"). The RTCB respectfully requests that the NITU ordered by the Surface Transportation Board be terminated immediately. RTCB will be proceeding with the purchase of the BNSF Railroad property in fee rather than through a railbanking agreement.

The termination of the NITU is necessary to facilitate the timely abandonment of the rail corridor, removal of tracks, and sale to the RTCB. The RTCB requests that the existing bridge over the Sauk River in Cold Spring be left in place.

By my signature below, I certify service upon BNSF and Northern Lines Railroad, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, on October 25, 2011.

Respectfully submitted

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